

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A bleaching formulation comprising (a) a peroxy
bleaching agent selected from hydrogen peroxide and a peroxide
or an organic peracid capable of generating hydrogen peroxide
in an aqueous solution, (b) an anionic bleaching catalyst
containing a metal, and (c) a cationic compound, and a bleaching
10 method comprising using the bleaching formulation wherein
pretreatment with component (c) precedes treatment with
components (a) and (b), or components (a), (b), and (c) are
used simultaneously.